

SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS TO BE RELEASED IN SOUTH COUNTY



Douglas Badger



Mathew Hedge

The California Department of Mental Health is proposing the placement of Sexually Violent Predators Douglas Badger and Mathew Hedge in the community of Otay Mesa.

CRIMINAL PROFILE - Douglas Badger

Qualifying Criminal Offenses: Convicted of one count of kidnapping and two counts of oral copulation.

In 1981, Mr. Badger was convicted of kidnapping and forced copulation with an accomplice and served 10 years in state prison. Shortly after his release in 1991, he re-offended and was again convicted of forced copulation with an accomplice. He then spent another six years in state prison. Since he came under the sexual violent predator definition he was committed to a state hospital after serving his prison time in 1997.

Time Committed in State Prison: 1981 – 1991, 1991 - 1997

Time Committed at Atascadero State Hospital: 1997 - Present

CRIMINAL PROFILE – Mathew Hedge

Qualifying Criminal Offenses: Convicted of four counts of Lewd or Lascivious Acts with a child under 14 with force.

In 1989, he was convicted of forcing two sibling boys, ages 7 and 10, to perform oral copulation while they were in his home. In a separate incident, he was convicted of fondling and touching two girls, ages 13 and 9, using force.

Time Committed in State Prison: Dec., 1989 – May, 1997 (violated parole in Sept., 1997)

Time Committed at Atascadero State Hospital: 1998 - Present

Supervisor Greg Cox is adamantly opposed to the placement of Sexually Violent Predators in South County and asks that you voice your concerns to the Department of Justice.

****PLEASE SEND COMMENTS TO THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE****

**Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) at (858) 268-5400 and or e-mail
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael De La Rosa, District Director for County Supervisor Greg Cox, at (619) 531-5511.

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California State Law Regarding Sexually Violent Predators

Definition of a Sexually Violent Predator

“A person who has been convicted of a sexually violent offense against two or more victims and who has a diagnosed mental disorder that makes the person a danger to the health and safety of others in that it is likely that he or she will engage in sexually violent criminal behavior.”

California Welfare and Institutions Code - Section 6600(a)(1)

How Does a Person Earn a Sexually Violent Predator Designation?

Prior to being released, the State Department of Corrections refers inmates who have committed sex crimes and might be eligible for a Sexually Violent Predator designation to the State Department of Mental Health for assessment. The Department of Mental Health has two psychiatrists or psychologists evaluate the inmate. If both concur that the inmate has a mental disorder that makes the individual likely to commit additional acts of sexual violence the local district attorney may request of the court that the individual be committed to a state mental hospital under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections.

California Welfare and Institutions Code - Section 6601(c) and (d)

So Why Are These Sexually Violent Predators Being Released?

An inmate who has been designated a Sexually Violent Predator may petition the court for release. The court then holds a hearing to determine if the inmate would be a danger to the health and safety of others and if there is a likelihood that this person would engage in sexually violent criminal behavior again. If the Court determines the inmate would not be a danger, only then are they ordered released under supervision into the community. Another hearing takes place a year after release, when the court could order the unconditional and unsupervised release of the person.

California Welfare and Institutions Code - Section 6608(a) and (d)